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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Alexander, et al.  
Serial Number: 10/827,411  
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Examiner: Trieu, Theresa  
Title: COMPRESSOR CHECK VALVE RETAINER

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Miss:

Reconsideration of the final rejection mailed on February 6, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowed subject matter. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 19 and 21-23 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated. These rejections are contested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §102 rejection based upon the *Narasipura, et al.* reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,749,412). Claims 1 and 19 require that the valve retainer be flexible between a disengaged position and an engaged position "in response to contacting a valve chamber rim of the valve chamber." The Examiner argues that the check valve retainer 300 of *Narasipura, et al.* is flexible between a disengaged position and an engaged position in response to contacting an opening 107 of a valve seat. This is